THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBART 1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 ANNA PATRICK, DOUGLAS MORRILL, Case No. 2:23-cv-00630-JLR ROSEANNE MORRILL, LEISA GARRETT, **DECLARATION OF DAMON C. ELDER** ROBERT NIXON, SAMANTHA NIXON, 10 IN SUPPORT DEFENDANTS DAVID DAVID BOTTONFIELD, ROSEMARIE RAMSEY, III AND THE LAMPO GROUP, BOTTONFIELD, **TASHA** 11 RYAN, LLC'S MOTION TO STAY ROGELIO VARGAS, MARILYN DEWEY, 12 PROCEEDINGS PENDING RULING ON PETER ROLLINS, RACHAEL ROLLINS, MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION KATRINA BENNY, SARA ERICKSON, 13 GREG LARSON, and JAMES KING, individually and on behalf of all others 14 similarly situated, Hearing Date: August 15, 2024 15 Plaintiffs, 16 v. 17 DAVID L. RAMSEY, III, individually; 18 HAPPY HOUR MEDIA GROUP, LLC, a 19 Washington limited liability company; THE LAMPO GROUP, LLC, a Tennessee limited 20 liability company, 21 Defendants. 22 23 24 25 26

DECLARATION OF DAMON C. ELDER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS DAVID RAMSEY, III AND THE LAMPO GROUP, LLC'S MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS PENDING RULING ON MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION (Case No. 2:23-cv-00630-JLR)

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I, Damon C. Elder, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP and represent Defendants David Ramsey, III and The Lampo Group, LLC ("the Lampo Defendants") in the above-captioned action. I am over eighteen years of age and am competent to testify herein. I make the following statements based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. If this matter is not stayed pending the Court's decision on the Lampo Defendants' motion to compel arbitration, the parties will have to expend significant time and resources to meet the current case schedule while the motion to compel arbitration is pending. Those expenses will include preparing for and engaging in extensive, and extremely expensive, expert discovery related to whether a class can or should be certified. It is likely that each side will offer multiple experts on the issue of class certification, incurring substantial expert fees and the time and expenses necessary to conduct multiple depositions and other expert-related discovery.
- 3. In addition, Plaintiffs' current discovery requests seek discovery related to their entire proposed class, including (among other things) copies of every daily broadcast or podcast aired by the Lampo Defendants about issues related to this case, over a period of six years. Based on our firm's research into collection, production, and review costs, the costs associated with those voluminous broadcasts alone is likely to exceed \$50,000, on top of the process of reviewing and producing other documents.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 25th day of July, 2024 at Seattle, Washington.

By: <u>s/ Damon C. Elder</u>
Damon C. Elder